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Dear Sir:

Appellants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's rejection of the claims which rejection was set forth in the Office Action mailed August 19, 2005. The claims have been at least twice rejected and a timely Notice of Appeal was filed.

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I. Real Party In Interest

The real party in interest is Universal Electronic Inc.

II. Related Appeals And Interferences

An appeal of the final rejection of the claims of commonly assigned, U.S. Application Serial No. 10/386,792, filed on March 12, 2003, is pending.

An appeal of the final rejection of the claims of commonly assigned, U.S. Application Serial No. 10/151,635, filed on May 20, 2002, is pending.

An appeal of the final rejection of the claims of commonly assigned, U.S. Application Serial No. 10/411,792, filed on April 11, 2003, is pending.

U.S. Application Serial No. 10/386,792, U.S. Application Serial No. 10/151,635, and U.S. Application Serial No. 10/411,792, all claim the benefit of the subject application for patent.

III. Status Of The Claims

In the application, claims 54-80 remain pending and, having been twice rejected, are the subject of this appeal. Of these claims, dependent claims 63 and 73, while objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, have been deemed to contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-53 were canceled during the course of prosecution.

The attached Appendix provides a clean, double spaced copy of pending claims 54-80.

IV. Status Of Amendments

An amendment to the claims was filed concurrently herewith for the purpose of correcting the dependency of claim 72. It is believed that, upon entry of the amendment, the

rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 will be cured. The amendment to claim 72 is reflected in the attached Appendix.

#### V. Summary Of The Claimed Subject Matter

With reference to page 17, lines 16+ and Figs. 5 and 5a of the subject application for patent, the claimed invention is generally directed to a method of configuring a remote control to command functions of a consumer electronic device. To this end, the claims set forth, among other things, receiving input (42) that identifies a type and brand of consumer electronic device and using the input that identifies the type and brand of consumer electronic device to select a plurality of command sets that have been identified as being candidates for commanding operations of the specified type and brand of consumer electronic device. The plurality of command sets that have been identified as being candidates for commanding operations of the specified type and brand of the consumer electronic device are then downloaded into a remote control (10a) whereby a user may determine by experimentation (49a) which of the plurality of command sets is appropriate for commanding operations of the consumer electronic device that is actually owned by the user. This method for configuring a remote control solves, among others, the problem of how to configure a remote control when the user does not have his model number available or when a model number provided is not recognized by the configuring system.

#### VI. Grounds Of Rejection To Be Reviewed On Appeal

1. Whether the rejection of claims 54-57, 60-62, 64, 66-71, 74, and 76-80 (as well as claim 59 which is separately addressed) under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based upon the combination of Kemink and Chiloyan can be maintained when the combination of Kemink and Chiloyan fails to

disclose, teach, or suggest, either expressly or inherently, each and every element set forth in the claims.

2. Whether the rejection of dependent claims 58 and 72 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based upon the combination of Kemink and Hayes can be maintained when it has been previously submitted that Hayes is not a usable prior art reference.

3. Whether the rejection of dependent claims 65 and 75 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based upon the combination of Kemink, Chiloyan, and Foster can be maintained when Foster simply fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the subject matter of claims 65 and 75.

## VII. Argument

### A) Summary of the outstanding rejections of the claims

Claims 54-62, 64-72 and 74-80 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being rendered obvious primarily by Kemink (WO 0017738) in view of Chiloyan (U.S. Patent No. 6,008,735). Claims 63 and 73 have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

Specifically, the rejection of the claims has asserted that Kemink teaches a method for selecting function codes for use in a remote control which includes receiving user input at a computer that functions to specify a type of a consumer electronic device and brand of the consumer electronic device (citing to page 6, lines 10-20); using the user input at the computer to select a plurality of function code sets that have been identified as being candidates for commanding operations of the specified type and brand of the consumer electronic device (*no citation provided*); and causing at least a subset of each of the plurality of selected function codes

sets to be downloaded from the computer into the remote control whereby a user may interact with the remote control to choose which one of the plurality of function code sets is appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type and brand of the consumer electronic device (citing to page 6, lines 10-20 and specifically the language directed to “selected graphic interface code”). While the rejection of the claims acknowledged that Kemink fails to disclose a user interacting with a remote control to determine by experimentation which one of the plurality of function codes sets is appropriate for commanding operations of the consumer device, it was asserted that such is disclosed within Chiloyan (citing to col. 7, lines 40-45, et al.). Thus, it was concluded that “it would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to include a user may interact with the remote control to determine by experimentation which one of the plurality of function code sets is appropriate in the device of Kemink because Kemink suggests choosing option which one of the plurality of function code sets is appropriate and Chiloyan teaches a user may interact with the remote control to determine by experimentation which one of the plurality of function code sets is appropriate for commanding operations for the purpose of providing operable device code.”

B) Applicable case law

It is respectfully submitted that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 requires that a combination of references disclose, either expressly or inherently, each and every element set forth in the claims, considering the claims “as a whole.” The requirement that the claimed invention be considered “as a whole” is meant to prevent evaluation of an invention part by part, i.e., breaking an invention into its component parts and then merely finding a reference containing one part, another reference containing another part, etc., and to prevent the

impermissible use of the specification of the applicant as a template to combine these parts for the purpose of deprecating the claimed invention. Thus, to assure that such “hindsight reasoning” is not used when assessing the patentability of a claimed invention, a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 requires a demonstration that an artisan of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, with no knowledge of the claimed invention, would have selected the various parts from the references and combined them in the claimed manner. In other words, the test of whether it would have been obvious to select specific teachings and combine them must still be met by identification of some suggestion, teaching, or motivation in the prior art, arising from what the prior art would have taught a person of ordinary skill in the field of the invention. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

C) Remarks addressing the rejection of claims 54-57, 60-62, 64, 66-71, 74 and 76-80

As discussed above, the claimed invention is directed to a method of configuring a remote control to command functions of a consumer electronic device which, among others, solves the problem of how to configure a remote control when the user does not have his model number available or when a model number provided is not recognized by the configuring system.

In contrast to the claimed invention, the system and method described in Kemink requires a user to know the model number of a consumer electronic device in order to configure the remote control. In this regard, Kemink describes that the remote control is configured immediately after the downloading has occurred and what is downloaded is the single command set which the configuring system of Kemink identifies, as a function of the specified model number, as being appropriate for commanding the consumer electronic device.

More particularly, the configuring system of Kemink uses a consumer electronic device specific profile to determine the single command set that is to be downloaded into the remote control to configure the remote control to command that consumer electronic device. (See Page 6, lines 7-10). The consumer electronic device specific profile is created by a user being “led through a sequence of links and web pages until a manufacturer’s model number is found that corresponds, for example, to the television 251 in FIG. 2.” (See Page 6, lines 13-15). While the user may also be presented with a plurality of graphical user interfaces, i.e., nothing more than “selectable buttons, icons, clusters of icons, templates, and the like” (See Page 4, lines 31-33) which are actuated to cause select function codes from a command set to be transmitted to an intended target consumer electronic device, one of which is downloadable (not a plurality as alleged in the rejection of the claims) for use in the remote control (See Page 6, lines 15-17, Page 7, lines 18-22), the fact remains that only a single command set, i.e., the single command set which the configuring system of Kemink determines to be appropriate for the particular consumer electronic device model number specified by the user, is downloaded into the remote control.

Therefore, Kemink, which requires the use of a manufacturer’s model number to cause a single command set to be downloaded into a remote control, suffers the very disadvantage the subject invention seeks to overcome.

From the foregoing, it is submitted that the configuring system of Kemink, which uses input that specifies a manufacturer’s model number to cause a single command set to be downloaded into a remote control, cannot be said to disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed using a type and brand of a consumer electronic device to cause a *plurality of command sets identified as being appropriate for commanding functions of the specified type and brand of consumer*



*electronic device* to be downloaded into a remote control after which a user [not the configuring system as in Kemink] determines which of the *downloaded plurality of command sets* is appropriate for commanding the consumer electronic device actually owned by the user. (See claims 54 and 71).

It is further respectfully submitted that a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been presented since the rejection of the claims fails to assert that Kemink discloses downloading a plurality of command sets identified as being candidates for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device. Rather, the rejection of the claims sets forth that Kemink discloses at Page 6, lines 10-20, the downloading of “a plurality of GUI corresponding to the selected appliance.” While downloading a GUI (i.e., a computer environment or program that displays, or facilitates the display of, on-screen options, usually in the form of icons or menus by means of which users may enter commands) is the subject of dependent claims 66 and 76, independent claims 54 and 71 of the subject application for patent call for the downloading of a plurality of command sets, defined on page 14, lines 22-25 of the subject application for patent as including “data which is transmittable to the consumer electronic device to control the device.” Since it cannot be argued that a GUI is “data which is transmittable to the consumer electronic device to control the device,” Kemink cannot be said to disclose those elements set forth in the rejection of the claims and the rejection of the claims must be withdrawn.

It is additionally submitted that the reason that the rejection of the claims cites to the downloading of a GUI (which is not the subject of independent claims 54 and 71) and fails to cite to any passage from Kemink that can be said to disclose, teach, or suggest that a plurality of command sets identified as being candidates for commanding operations of the specified type of

the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device is downloaded into the remote control is for the simple reason that Kemink fails to contemplate this aspect of the claimed invention. That Kemink fails to contemplate this aspect of the claimed invention is particularly evidenced by the fact (which has been acknowledged by the Examiner) that Kemink fails to describe any process for interacting with a remote control to select one of plural downloaded command sets. In this regard, the reason that Kemink fails to describe any process for interacting with a remote control to select one of plural downloaded command sets is attributed to the fact that Kemink only allows for the downloading of a single command set, i.e., a user is required to know in advance the model number of their consumer electronic device and the configuring system of Kemink uses the model number to select the single command set which is downloaded into the remote control to thereby provide, after the command set is received at the remote control, a remote control that is configured to operate the consumer electronic device.

Thus, in summary, it is respectfully submitted that, since Kemink fails to disclose at least the claimed selecting and downloading of a plurality of command sets identified as being candidates for commanding operations of a specified type and brand of consumer appliance, it cannot be said that a combination of Kemink and Chiloyan disclose each and every element of the claimed invention as is required to maintain a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103. For at least this reason the rejection of the claims must be withdrawn.

It is additionally, respectfully submitted that there would exist no motivation to modify Kemink in view of the teachings of Chiloyan. In this regard, there simply cannot be any reason for reconstructing the system of Kemink to provide the remote control with a further configuration methodology, i.e., the configuration methodology of Chiloyan, since the remote

control of Kemink *will already be configured* to command operations of a given appliance once the single, user designated command set is downloaded into the remote control. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the reconstruction of Kemink in view of Chiloyan advanced in the rejection of the claims is unduly speculative and reflective of the impermissible use of hindsight reasoning, i.e., it is not evident why a person of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to reconstruct Kemink “to determine by experimentation which one of a plurality of function code sets is appropriate for commanding operations” when this espoused objective for modifying Kemink is negated by the mere fact that the system of Kemink *already* provides a properly configured remote control as a result of the downloaded, single, user designated command set. For this still further reason it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the claims fails to present a *prima facie* case of obviousness and must be withdrawn.

D) Remarks addressing the rejection of claims 58 and 72

Claims 58 and 72 stand rejected as being rendered obvious by the combination of Kemink and Hayes. As previously submitted, Hayes cannot be used as a prior art reference with respect to the subject application for patent owing to its common assignment to Universal Electronics Inc. at the time the invention was made. (35 U.S.C. § 103(c)). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection must be withdrawn.

E) Remarks addressing the rejection of claim 59

With respect to dependent claim 59, it is respectfully submitted that the cited to passage from Kemink relating to combining icons fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed using the one of the plurality of command sets that is appropriate for commanding operations of the

specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device to identify an extended command set for use in commanding extended operations of the specified type and brand of the consumer electronic which, as noted above, includes “data which is transmittable to the consumer electronic device to control the device.” For the simple reason that disclosure directed to “choosing to combine the downloaded GUI code with other GUI code” has nothing to do with using a command set to further identify additional useful commands for commanding extended operational functions of a device, as is claimed, it is submitted that this disclosure from Kemink cannot suggest the modification espoused in the rejection of the claims. Accordingly, the rejection of dependent claim 59 must also be withdrawn.

F) Remarks addressing the rejection of claim 65 and 75

With respect to claims 65 and 75, it is respectfully submitted that nothing from Foster describes, teaches, or suggests the claimed downloading of assignments of function codes to the key layout using a speaker in the downloading process. While Foster may describe in the cited passage using vol+ and vol- keys to control the output of a speaker, this disclosure has nothing to do with subject matter claimed. Thus, Foster cannot suggest the modification espoused in the rejection of the claims and dependent claims 65 and 75 must be deemed to contain patentable subject matter.

G) Conclusion

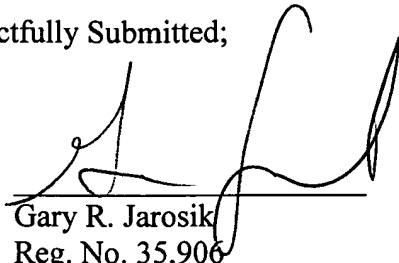
It is respectfully submitted that, when the claims are considered *as a whole*, the claims are not rendered obvious by the cited references. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the

application is in good and proper form for allowance. Such action of the part of the Board is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted;

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VIII. Claims Appendix

The following presents a clean copy of the claims that are the subject of appeal:

54. A method for selecting a command set for use in a remote control, comprising:

receiving user input at a computer that functions to specify a type of a consumer electronic device and a brand of the consumer electronic device;

using the user input at the computer to select a plurality of command sets that have been identified as being candidates for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device; and

causing at least a subset of each of the plurality of selected command sets to be downloaded from the computer into the remote control whereby a user may interact with the remote control to determine by experimentation which one of the plurality of command sets is appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device.

55. The method as recited in claim 54, comprising displaying to the user a list comprising a plurality of types of consumer electronic device and the user selecting one of the plurality of types of consumer electronic device from the list comprises the user input that functions to specify the type of the consumer electronic device.

56. The method as recited in claim 54, comprising displaying to the user a list comprising a plurality of brands of consumer electronic device and the user selecting one of the plurality of brands of consumer electronic device from the list comprises the user input that functions to specify the brand of the consumer electronic device.

57. The method as recited in claim 54, wherein the subset of each of the plurality of command sets includes at least a code for commanding a power operation of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device.

58. The method as recited in claim 54, comprising arranging the downloaded plurality of command sets such that the plurality of command sets will be tested in an order according to their install base when the user interacts with the remote control to determine by experimentation which one of the plurality of function code sets is appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device.

59. The method as recited in claim 54, comprising using the one of the plurality of command sets that is appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device to identify an extended command set for use in commanding extended operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device.

60. The method as recited in claim 54, wherein the user input is received at the computer via an Internet connection.

61. The method as recited in claim 54, wherein the plurality of command sets are downloaded from the computer directly into the remote control.

62. The method as recited in claim 54, comprising displaying to the user a key layout for the remote control and a list of functions from the command set appropriate for commanding

operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device and accepting user input to assign functions from the list of functions to the key layout, assignments of functions to the key layout being downloadable from the computer to the remote control to thereby configure the remote control to command operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of consumer electronic device.

63. The method as recited in claim 62, comprising displaying an amount of memory needed in the remote control to download from the computer to the remote control assignments of functions to the key layout.

64. The method as recited in claim 62, comprising presenting a graphical user interface having drag and drop capabilities for use in assigning functions from the list of functions to the key layout.

65. The method as recited in claim 62, comprising downloading from the computer to the remote control via a speaker assignments of function codes to the key layout.

66. The method as recited in claim 62, comprising downloading from the computer to the remote control a user interface having keys appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device, the user interface corresponding to the key layout.

67. The method as recited in claim 62, comprising downloading from the computer to the remote control via a memory card assignments of functions to the key layout.



68. The method as recited in claim 62, wherein the key layout comprises keys displayable in a display of the remote control.

69. The method as recited in claim 62, comprising directly downloading from the computer to the remote control assignments of functions to the key layout.

70. The method as recited in claim 54, wherein the plurality of command sets each comprise codes for driving an IR emitting diode of the remote control.

71. A method for selecting a command set for use in a remote control, comprising:

displaying at a Web site a list comprising a plurality of types of consumer electronic device for allowing a user to select one of the plurality of types of consumer electronic device from the list to specify a type of a consumer electronic device;

displaying at the Web site a list comprising a plurality of brands of consumer electronic device for allowing the user to select one of the plurality of brands of consumer electronic from the list to specify a brand of the consumer electronic device;

using the user specified type of the consumer electronic device and the consumer specified brand of the consumer electronic device to select a plurality of command sets that have been identified as being candidates for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device;

making at least a subset of each of the plurality of selected command sets available whereby a user may determine by experimentation which one of the plurality of command sets is appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device; and

displaying to the user at the Web site a key layout for the remote control and a list of functions from the command sets determined to be appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device and accepting user input to assign functions from the list of functions to the key layout;

wherein the plurality of command sets and the assignments of functions to the key layout are downloadable from the Web site to the remote control to thereby configure the remote control to command operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device.

72. The method as recited in claim 71, comprising arranging the plurality of command sets such that the plurality of command sets will be tested in an order according to their install base when the user determines by experimentation which one of the plurality of command sets is appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device.

73. The method as recited in claim 71, comprising displaying an amount of memory needed in the remote control to download from the Web site to the remote control assignments of functions to the key layout.

74. The method as recited in claim 71, comprising presenting a graphical user interface having drag and drop capabilities for use in assigning functions from the list of functions to the key layout.

75. The method as recited in claim 71, comprising downloading from Web site to the remote control via a speaker assignments of function codes to the key layout.

76. The method as recited in claim 71, comprising downloading from the Web site to the remote control a user interface having keys appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device, the user interface corresponding to the key layout.

77. The method as recited in claim 71, comprising downloading from the Web site to the remote control via a memory card assignments of functions to the key layout.

78. The method as recited in claim 71, wherein the key layout comprises keys displayable in a display of the remote control.

79. The method as recited in claim 71, comprising directly downloading from the Web site to the remote control assignments of functions to the key layout.

80. The method as recited in claim 71, wherein the plurality of command sets each comprise codes for driving an IR emitting diode of the remote control.

IX. Evidence Appendix

No copies of any evidence is being submitted herewith.

X. Related Proceedings Appendix

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Dear Sir:

The applicants submit this amendment in connection with the Appeal Brief.

Within this response **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins of page 2 of this paper (the amendment being made merely to correct the dependency of claim 72), and the **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-53. (Canceled)

54. (Previously Presented) A method for selecting a command set for use in a remote control, comprising:

receiving user input at a computer that functions to specify a type of a consumer electronic device and a brand of the consumer electronic device;

using the user input at the computer to select a plurality of command sets that have been identified as being candidates for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device; and

causing at least a subset of each of the plurality of selected command sets to be downloaded from the computer into the remote control whereby a user may interact with the remote control to determine by experimentation which one of the plurality of command sets is appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device.

55. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 54, comprising displaying to the user a list comprising a plurality of types of consumer electronic device and the user selecting one of the plurality of types of consumer electronic device from the list comprises the user input that functions to specify the type of the consumer electronic device.

56. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 54, comprising displaying to the user a list comprising a plurality of brands of consumer electronic device and the user selecting one of the plurality of brands of consumer electronic device from the list comprises the user input that functions to specify the brand of the consumer electronic device.

57. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 54, wherein the subset of each of the plurality of command sets includes at least a code for commanding a power operation of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device.

58. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 54, comprising arranging the downloaded plurality of command sets such that the plurality of command sets will be tested in an order according to their install base when the user interacts with the remote control to determine by experimentation which one of the plurality of function code sets is appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device.

59. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 54, comprising using the one of the plurality of command sets that is appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device to identify an extended command set for use in commanding extended operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device.



60. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 54, wherein the user input is received at the computer via an Internet connection.

61. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 54, wherein the plurality of command sets are downloaded from the computer directly into the remote control.

62. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 54, comprising displaying to the user a key layout for the remote control and a list of functions from the command set appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device and accepting user input to assign functions from the list of functions to the key layout, assignments of functions to the key layout being downloadable from the computer to the remote control to thereby configure the remote control to command operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of consumer electronic device.

63. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 62, comprising displaying an amount of memory needed in the remote control to download from the computer to the remote control assignments of functions to the key layout.

64. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 62, comprising presenting a graphical user interface having drag and drop capabilities for use in assigning functions from the list of functions to the key layout.

65. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 62, comprising downloading from the computer to the remote control via a speaker assignments of function codes to the key layout.

66. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 62, comprising downloading from the computer to the remote control a user interface having keys appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device, the user interface corresponding to the key layout.

67. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 62, comprising downloading from the computer to the remote control via a memory card assignments of functions to the key layout.

68. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 62, wherein the key layout comprises keys displayable in a display of the remote control.

69. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 62, comprising directly downloading from the computer to the remote control assignments of functions to the key layout.

70. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 54, wherein the plurality of command sets each comprise codes for driving an IR emitting diode of the remote control.

71. (Previously Presented) A method for selecting a command set for use in a remote control, comprising:

displaying at a Web site a list comprising a plurality of types of consumer electronic device for allowing a user to select one of the plurality of types of consumer electronic device from the list to specify a type of a consumer electronic device;

displaying at the Web site a list comprising a plurality of brands of consumer electronic device for allowing the user to select one of the plurality of brands of consumer electronic from the list to specify a brand of the consumer electronic device;

using the user specified type of the consumer electronic device and the consumer specified brand of the consumer electronic device to select a plurality of command sets that have been identified as being candidates for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device;

making at least a subset of each of the plurality of selected command sets available whereby a user may determine by experimentation which one of the plurality of command sets is appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device; and

displaying to the user at the Web site a key layout for the remote control and a list of functions from the command sets determined to be appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device and accepting user input to assign functions from the list of functions to the key layout;

wherein the plurality of command sets and the assignments of functions to the key layout are downloadable from the Web site to the remote control to thereby configure the remote control to command operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device.

72. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim ~~51~~ 71, comprising arranging the plurality of command sets such that the plurality of command sets will be tested in an order according to their install base when the user determines by experimentation which one of the plurality of command sets is appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device.

73. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 71, comprising displaying an amount of memory needed in the remote control to download from the Web site to the remote control assignments of functions to the key layout.

74. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 71, comprising presenting a graphical user interface having drag and drop capabilities for use in assigning functions from the list of functions to the key layout.

75. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 71, comprising downloading from Web site to the remote control via a speaker assignments of function codes to the key layout.

76. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 71, comprising downloading from the Web site to the remote control a user interface having keys appropriate for commanding operations of the specified type of the consumer electronic device and the specified brand of the consumer electronic device, the user interface corresponding to the key layout.

77. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 71, comprising downloading from the Web site to the remote control via a memory card assignments of functions to the key layout.

78. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 71, wherein the key layout comprises keys displayable in a display of the remote control.

79. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 71, comprising directly downloading from the Web site to the remote control assignments of functions to the key layout.

80. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 71, wherein the plurality of command sets each comprise codes for driving an IR emitting diode of the remote control.

### REMARKS

In the application claims 54-80 remain pending. Claims 1-53 have been canceled without prejudice. No new claims have been added.

Within this response, claim 72 has been amended to correct the dependency to claim 71. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. It is believed that the amendment cures the informality noted in the Office Action and, as such, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

As concerns the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103, the applicants hereby incorporate by reference the arguments set forth in the Appeal Brief filed concurrently herewith.

### CONCLUSION

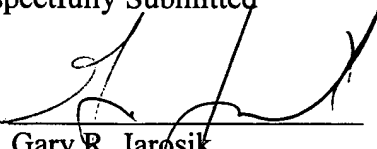
The subject application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Such action on the part of the Examiner is respectfully requested. Should it be determined, however, that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the attorney undersigned.

While it is not believed that any fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency to deposit account number 50-2428 in the name of Greenberg Traurig.

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